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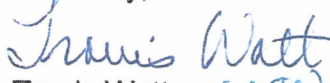
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The West Yellowstone Chamber of Commerce supports an initiative that would allow local communities to vote to increase their Resort Cities Tax from 3% to 4% with the additional one percent earmarked for historical and heritage preservation. As a community we recognize the vital importance of our historical landmarks and cultural heritage to our sense of place and sense of self. We also are fully aware of their value as a part of our ability to attract visitors.

As funding dollars available for historic preservation become more difficult to garner, West Yellowstone seeks to establish a funding source that will enable us to meet the long-term needs of preserving our history and heritage.

Thank you for your time and attention. I, on behalf of our 238 members and their families, hope that you, too, will see the value in such an initiative.

Sincerely,


Travis Watt
President